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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2003.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dunser et al.

Dunser (6955245) discloses an elevator system comprising:

1. a building lobby 73.1 on a main floor
2. a plurality of sky lobbies 73.2/.4/.7/.8/.10
3. a first bank 71, connecting the building lobby to one of the plurality of sky lobbies
4. local banks 70 and 72, 2-n, connecting adjacent sky lobbies and serving floors located between the adjacent sky lobbies
5. a shuttle elevator 77 arranged next to said local elevators
6. the shuttle elevator serving the building lobby and a plurality of sky lobbies
7. each one of the plurality of sky lobbies is a transfer floor between said shuttle elevator 76.4 and the local elevators 76.1/.2/.3

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Berkovitz (3750849). Berkovitz discloses an elevator system comprising:

8. a building lobby, main landing, on a main floor
9. a plurality of sky lobbies SLA-C
10. a first bank L8, connecting the building lobby to one of the plurality of sky lobbies

11. local banks L1-n, connecting adjacent sky lobbies and serving floors located between the adjacent sky lobbies
12. a shuttle elevator SS3 arranged next to said local elevators
13. the shuttle elevator serving the building lobby and a plurality of sky lobbies
14. each one of the plurality of sky lobbies is a transfer floor between said shuttle elevator SS3 and the local elevators L(4-N)A/B
15. A first shuttle elevator SS2 serving a first portion of the plurality of sky lobbies
16. a second shuttle elevator SS3 serving a second portion a second portion of the plurality of sky lobbies; the first and second portions further comprising the building lobby, main landing
17. A first set of local banks L8 and L1-3 are vertically aligned and a second set of local banks L4-L7 vertically aligned maximizing the amount of usable building space.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chapman E. Jeanette whose telephone number is 571-272-6841. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-thursday, 8:30-6:00, every fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Friedman Carl can be reached on 571-272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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